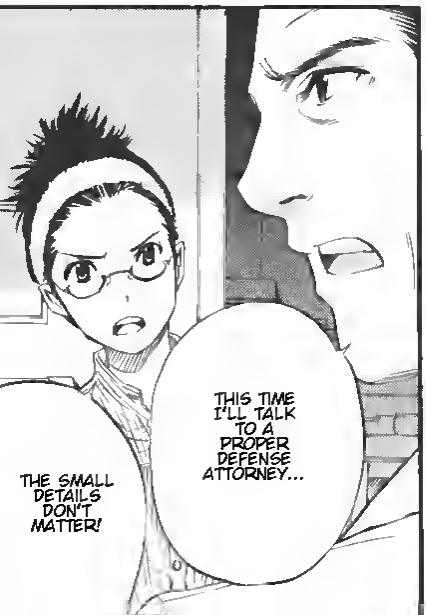
第十六話
だって剣道、好きですから
BECAUSE I LOVE KENDO

甲本
西秋
聲子
景子
緑苗
早
ピンポーン
AHEM...
カッチ コチ
EX... EXCUSE ME
YOU SHOULD SAY "I'M BACK" RIGHT!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTIRE, FATHER
Even bringing lovers
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN?

THESE ARE THE CURRENT PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT
WE ARE ALREADY PREPARING A FEW PATENTS
THE HELP FROM THE INVESTORS HAVE BEEN GREAT, I CAN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS, BUT WE'RE ALREADY TALKING TO SOME CELLPHONE MAKERS

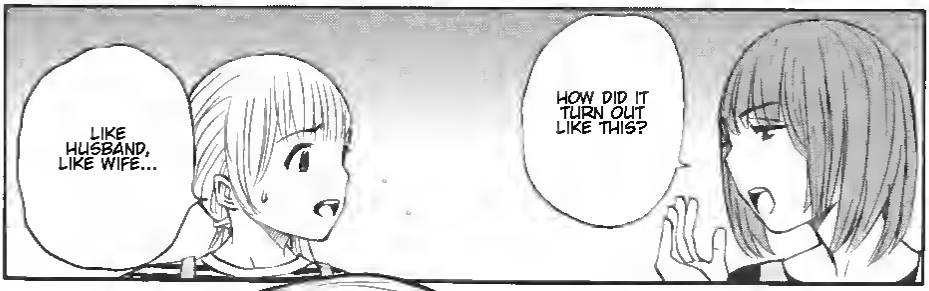

THIS TIME I'LL TALK TO A PROPER DEFENSE ATTORNEY...
THE SMALL DETAILS DON'T MATTER!

HANG ON, ISN'T EVERYTHING YOU SAID TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE? YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK US LIKE LAST TIME
ONEE-CHAN!

YOU'RE BECOMING AMBITIOUS AGAIN, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO FIGHT SERIOUSLY THIS TIME?
WILL YOU PROMISE THAT YOU WON'T MAKE THE TWO OF THEM SAD AGAIN?
YES...
I PROMISE

LET'S MARRY
EHHH!?
THEN IT'S DECIDED
ガタッ
I CAN DO MY JOB NO MATTER WHERE I AM, SO I'M FINE
MIDORIKO WILL BE STAYING IN TOKYO ONCE SHE ENTERS UNIVERSITY
SANAE-CHAN WILL COME WITH US TO KYUSHU, WON'T YOU?
Y... YES
KEIKO...
DON'T MAKE SUCH A FACE, SMILE!

THIS IS THE KOUMOTO FAMILY'S REBIRTH
YES
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN


HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
LIKE HUSBAND, LIKE WIFE...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO KYUSHU?
HAVE YOU TALKED TO YOUR FRIENDS?
NO, I WAS PLANNING TO TELL THEM AFTER SUMMER BREAK...

武道場
BOWING MY HEAD AND GOING BACK TO THE CLUB DOESN'T SUIT ME WELL...
SEP-TEM-BER
...THAT ISOYAMA DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP FOR THE TAMARYUU MATCH
DID YOU CONTACT ISOYAMA DURING THE BREAK, NISHIOGI?
NO, I HAD SEVERAL THINGS GOING ON THEN

...
I STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON HER THOUGH...
EVEN NOW THEY STILL REALLY HATE ME
ESPECIALLY THOSE THIRD YEARS WITH ONLY THIS LAST CHANCE TO BE ON THE INTER HIGH
KOSHIBA AND THE REST WON'T WANT A ME WHO CAN'T WIN IN THE CLUB
...MURAHAMA AND KAWAI ARE FINE

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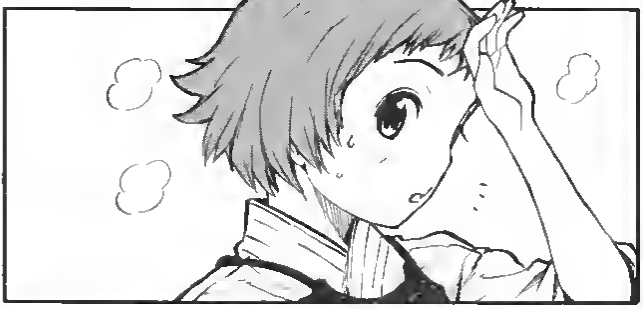
バーン
THERE'S A DOJO IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
Such an old place
バーン
バーン
HM?
東公学園中等部武道場
THE JUNIOR HIGH DOJO?
BUT IT'S REALLY WORN OUT COMPARED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL'S..
EXCUSE ME

パコーン
メエエエッ!



ONE PERSON?

HELLO!
DO YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS HERE?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR OUR ADVISOR, KITAJIMA-SENSEI, HE'S-
田原

I'M CONDUCTING A SELF-PRACTICE SESSION WHILE MY CLUB'S ON LEAVE
OH...
SO I CAME TO OBSERVE
NO, I HEARD THE SOUND OF A SHINAI
パァァン
メェーン
パァァン
メェーン
THAT'S GOOD, SHE'S ENERGETIC
AH
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
WHO IS SHE, AN ALUMNUS?

COULD YOU BE CONTESTANT ISOYAMA FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL SECTION!?
ER... YEAH
WHAT, YOU WATCHED THAT?
YES, ALL OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SECTION THEN
I'M JUNIOR HIGH YEAR 3, TAHARA MIO
I LIKE SENPAI'S KENDO, YOU WERE COOL DURING THE FINALS OF THE JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT
東松学園中

ALL I COULD THINK OF THEN WAS "STRONG!"
SHE SAID THAT ISOYAMA-SENPAI'S KENDO WAS BEAUTIFUL
OF COURSE
NISHIOGI TOO?
I'M NOT THAT STRONG, YOU KNOW THE RESULT OF THAT TOURNAMENT
YOU SEE THAT HOLE UP THERE?
OH YEAH!
THAT'S...

THAT WAS MADE BY SANAE-SENPAI
BY NISHIOGI!?
WHAT KIND OF PRACTICE WAS SHE DOING THAT COULD MAKE A HOLE IN THE CEILING?
WHEN SHE FIRST JOINED, SHE DIDN'T UNDER-STAND HOW TO HOLD THE SHINAI
WHEN SHE SWUNG IT UP WITHOUT THINKING, IT LEFT HER GRIP AND TORE A HOLE UP THERE
AH, BUT I HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR SANAE-SENPAI
THAT SHE WOULD MIX AND ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE LIKE ISOYAMA-SENPAI, WHO ENTERED THROUGH SPORTS RECOMMENDATION

I AM NOT AT THE LEVEL TO BE IN THE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT, AND MY TRAINING IS ONLY NORMAL
EVERYONE TOLD ME THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE A REGULAR IN THE HIGH SCHOOL SECTION, AND I SHOULD JOIN OTHER CLUBS
THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU...
ARE YOU CONTINUING KENDO IN HIGH SCHOOL, TAHARA?
YES, OF COURSE
BECAUSE I LOVE KENDO!

AH!
ISOYAMA-SAN, YOUR SHINAI!?
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO THE CLUB
I FOUND SOMETHING INTERESTING, AND AFTER OBSERVING THAT HOLE...
I THOUGHT I'D PRACTISE A LITTLE
OH, A DOJO HUH
Guess that's fine too
UNFORTU-NATELY, YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN
?

SLOW! MOVE FASTER!!
YES!
ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE!
YOU LEFT YOUR DOU OPEN!!
ARE YOU TIRED YET?

NOT YET!
ALRIGHT, ONE MORE THEN!
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AS I THOUGHT
ゼェゼェ
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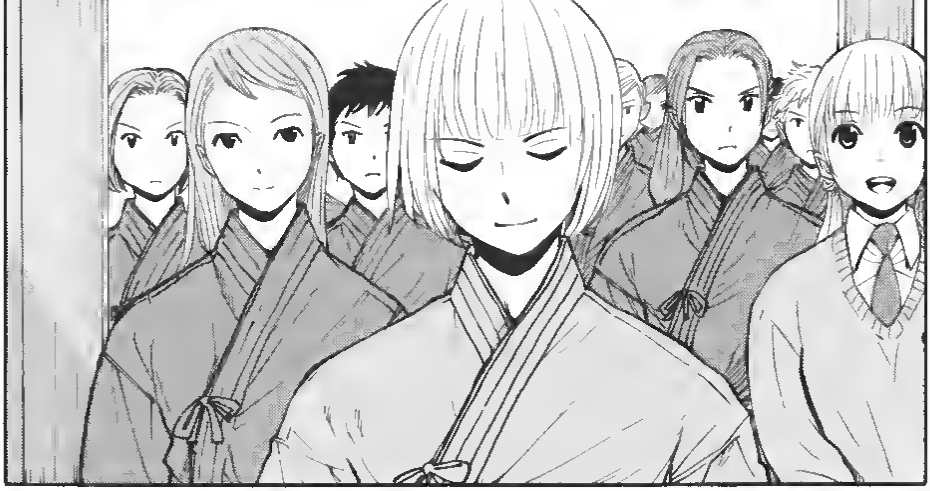
WHAT THE HECK PRACTICE'S ALREADY STARTED
SORRY, I'LL BE DONE SOON
LOOK THERE
ONE MORE TIME, PUT ALL YOUR HEART IN IT!
YES!
YOUR BODY'S AXIS IS SHAKY!
AT THIS RATE, EVEN IF YOU GET INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL SECTION, YOU WON'T BE RECOGNISED
ISOYAMA!?
末松学園
磯山

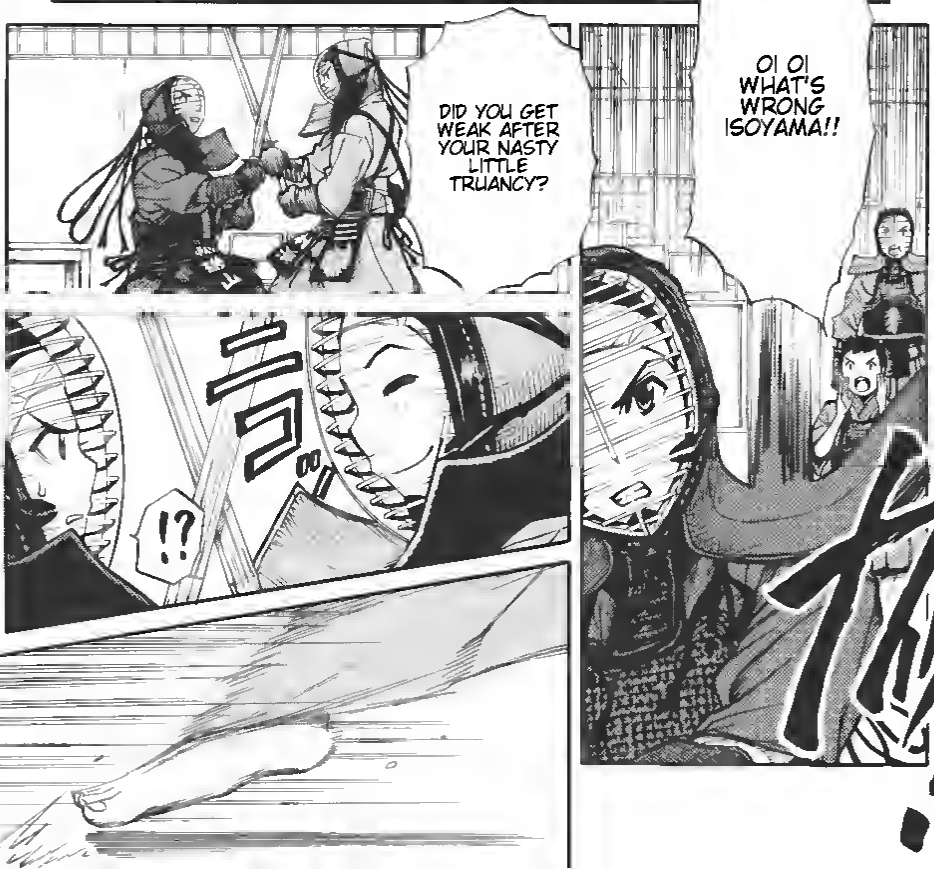
MURAHAMA-SAN, THIS...
ポン
IS THIS KID COMING TO US NEXT YEAR?
YES... AND SHE DECIDED TO HAVE SOME SELF-PRACTICE
EH?
OI OI, WHO IS THIS YOU'RE PRACTISING WITH?
JUNIOR HIGH THIRD YEAR TAHARA MIO!
TOUSHOU'S KENDO CLUB HAS BEEN SPECIAL, SO
I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER IN ITS HISTORY-

TOUSHOU'S KENDO CLUB ITSELF IS NOTHING SPECIAL
IT IS THE EFFORT OF EVERY GENERATION'S EFFORT THAT MAKES IT SPECIAL
THAT'S INCORRECT
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT THE HISTORY OR THE TROPHIES, BUT EACH PERSON'S FIGHT
WE BELIEVE THAT, AND WORK TOGETHER
...
AM I WRONG, ISOYAMA?

ISOYAMA-SAN!
I APOLOGISE FOR MY LONG PERIOD OF CONFUSION
I WISH TO START ONCE AGAIN FROM SCRATCH, IF YOU'D ALLOW ME

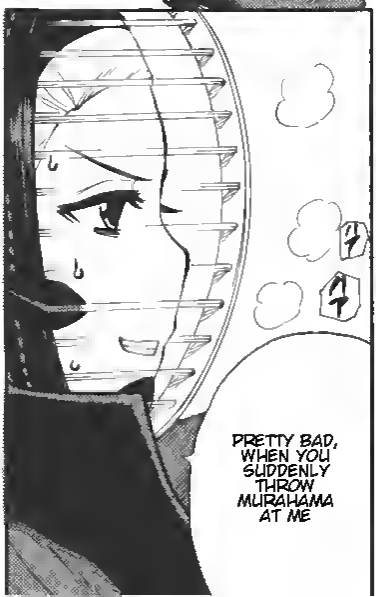


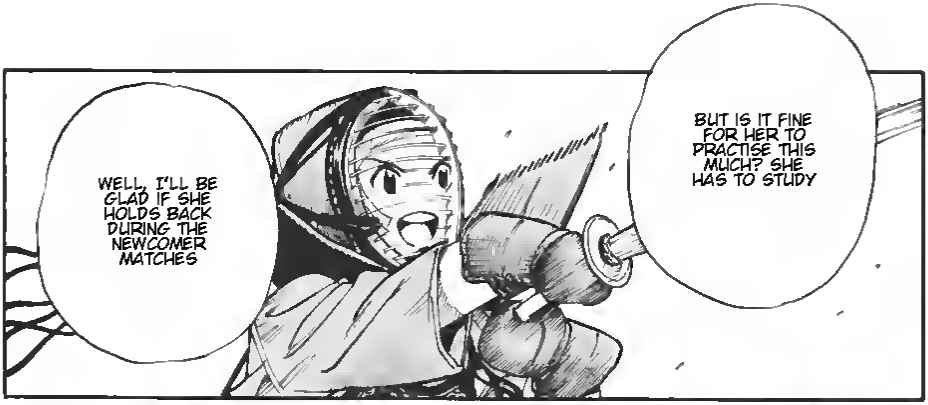
武道場


DID YOU GET WEAK AFTER YOUR NASTY LITTLE TRUANCY?
OI OI WHAT'S WRONG ISOYAMA!!
!?

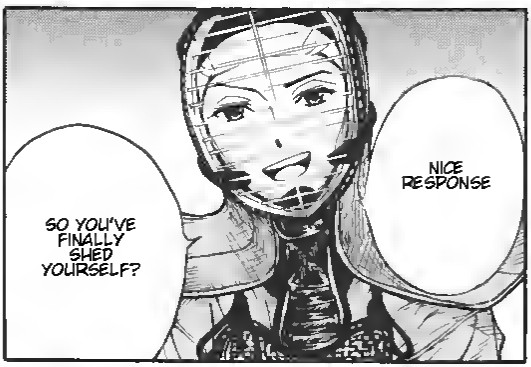
NEXT!
メエエン!
バアアン
東稜学園
村浜

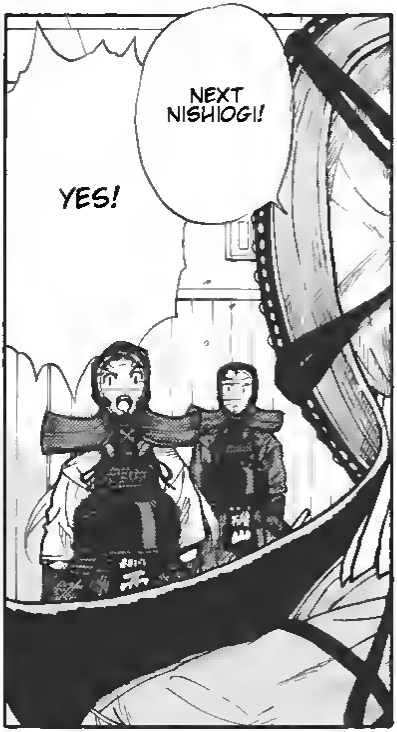
PHEW
HOW'S CLUB ACTIVITY AFTER ALL THIS WHILE?

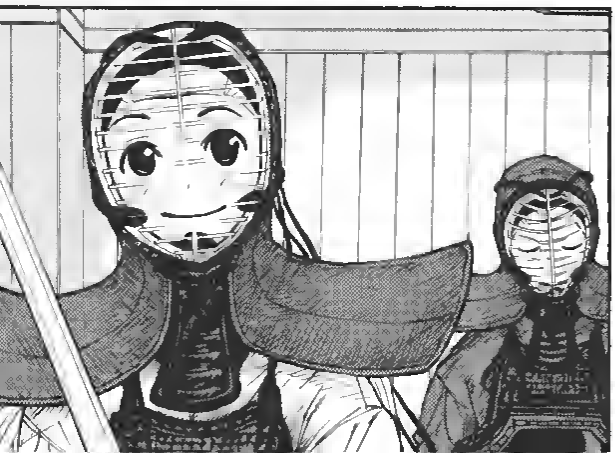

PRETTY BAD, WHEN YOU SUDDENLY THROW MURAHAMA AT ME


BUT IS IT FINE FOR HER TO PRACTISE THIS MUCH? SHE HAS TO STUDY
WELL, I'LL BE GLAD IF SHE HOLDS BACK DURING THE NEWCOMER MATCHES

SHE'S PROBABLY DECIDED TO GO TO A UNIVERSITY FAMOUS FOR ITS KENDO
I SEE

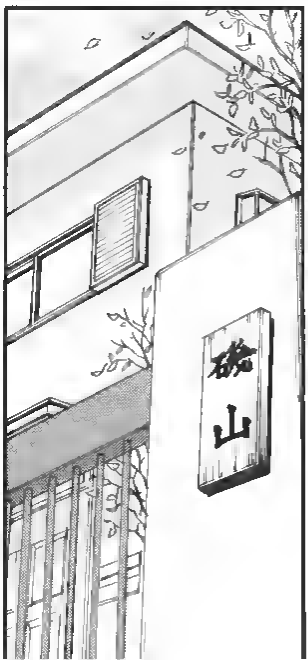

NICE RESPONSE
SO YOU'VE FINALLY SHED YOURSELF?


NEXT NISHIOGI!
YES!



PLEASE!

AND WHEN I'VE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET MY ENGINE UP
...DAMN, WHY DID WE GET AN OFF JUST BEFORE THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT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TODAY'S A REST DAY, R.E S.T. DAY
ARE YOU GOING TO ROT AT HOME AGAIN?
WHAT, PLAYING TRUANT AGAIN
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WHEN NOVEMBER ARRIVES THERE WILL BE NEWCOMER MATCHES
ONLY TO SEE YOU LEAVING THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB
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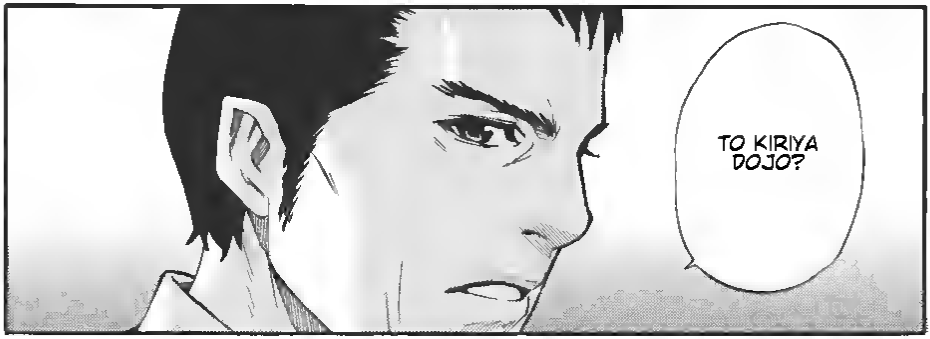
SINCE I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN MY ACT UP
I'M GOING AT IT WITH MURAHAMA AND KAWAI AND NATIONAL TIER PEOPLE EVERY DAY
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT I'M PROPERLY IN IT

CAN YOU RETURN YOUR DEBT OF SKIPPING A MONTH OF PRACTICE TO THEM?
I DOUBT YOU HAVE FREE TIME, EVEN ON A BREAK
I'M THINKING THE SAME THING
WHICH IS WHY I'M GOING OUT FOR PRACTICE IN THE AFTERNOON


TO KIRIYA DOJO?

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO? BLOCK ME WITH YOUR ARMS?
GENMEI-SENSEI HATER
A PERSON BOUND BY WORDS OF LIKE AND DISLIKE IS A FOO...

YOU'RE ALWAYS FIGHTING WHENEVER YOU MEET
THE TWO OF YOU ARE JUST LIKE EACH OTHER
WHAT ONII-CHAN SAID IS TRUE...
ACTUALLY!
HM?
ACTUALLY, I'M GOING TO SEE THE JUNIOR HIGH SECTION'S PRACTICE
IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO RELAX MY BODY, AS WELL AS WORK THE JUNIORS
YOU'RE INSTRUCTING YOUR JUNIORS?
I KNOW THAT IT'S UNLIKE MYSELF
BUT THERE'RE PEOPLE WHO WANT ME THERE

GO WITH THE INTENTION OF TEACHING YOURSELF
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EH?
ガタッ
NO...
TEACHING OTHERS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE
OK... I'M OFF

第十六話　おわり

第十七話
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DEPEND ON, DEPENDED ON

GOOD WORK!
EXCUSE US, SENSEI!
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK
武 道 場
NOW
I APOLOGISE, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ORGANISE THE TEAM WELL
NO KAWAI, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN ADVANCE TO THE TOP 4 IN THE NEWCOMER MATCHES

I FEEL THAT YOU NEED TO BE STRICT WITH THE NECESSARY POINTS AS THE CAPTAIN
YES...
...
WELL BEST EIGHT... WE WERE HANDED A TICKET DURING THE PREFECTURE SELECTIONS
THE PROBLEM IS HOW THE TEAM WILL STAND FROM THEN ON
ERM...
IS HIRATA NO GOOD?
HOW ABOUT HAVING KUNO AS THE SECOND PERSON FOR THE JANUARY PREFECTURE PRELIMINARIES

IF NISHIOGI STOPS THE MOMENTUM, UEHARA AND KAWAI-SAN WON'T BE ABLE TO RECONNECT TO IT
NO, I THINK THEIR STRENGTH IS EQUAL
BUT HIRATA IS THE TYPE THAT'LL LEAVE AN ATMOSPHERE WHEN SHE LOSES
THE CENTER, NISHIOGI, MIGHT BE DRAWN INTO IT...
INDEED
NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT, I DO GET THAT FEEL
THAT GIRL DOESN'T THINK MUCH, BUT SHE'S SURPRISINGLY DELICATE IN THOSE AREAS

I JUST WANT TO WIN!
ESPECIALLY REGARDING NISHIOGI-SAN
ISOYAMA LOOKING AT THE TEAM AS A WHOLE IS WHAT'S SURPRISING
WHAT...
FUFU
?
FOR THE REASON, I HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF NISHIOGI'S PERSONALITY
THAT GIRL HAS HER OWN STRONG POINTS
WHEN YOU WERE IN YOUR SLUMP, I SAID THIS TO NISHIOGI:

"IF ISOYAMA AND YOU HAD 20% OF EACH OTHER'S PERSONALITY, YOU'D BE PERFECT"
AND NISHIOGI BECAME UNEXPECTEDLY A LITTLE ANGRY
THEN THE TWO OF US WILL BECOME ORDINARY PEOPLE
ISOYAMA-SAN IS FINE AS SHE IS!

MAN, WATCHING THE TWO OF YOU IS REALLY HEART-POUNDING, BOTH OF YOU ARE SO UNBELIEVABLY AWKWARD
SHE GOT ANGRY AT SUCH A THING...
PERHAPS
BUT I BELIEVE THOSE ARE YOUR STRENGTHS
...

OI OI KUNO! I TOLD YOU NOT TO STEP DOWN!!
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU LOSE THE MENTAL FIGHT WITH NISHIOGI!
NISHIOGI, YOU TOO
WHEN YOU FEEL KUNO'S NERVOUS, DON'T HESITATE AND JUST CHARGE HER!
SHOW HER YOUR EXPERIENCES AT THE MATCHES!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE...
久野

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CONCEN-TRATE!
IDIOT, DON'T LOOK AWAY!
YOU'RE NOISY, ISOYAMA
I'LL BE THE SUPERVISOR NEXT
AH... YES

THE TRAINING'S STARTING TO BECOME INTENSE
OF COURSE, THE MATCHES ARE ONLY HALF A MONTH AWAY
WAS ISOYAMA-SAN'S YELLING MEANT TO CHEER THE TEAM UP?

IF WE WIN THE PREFECTURE PRELIMINARIES, WE'LL BE A NEW TEAM IN THE NATIONALS
I CAN'T DO NOTHING
NATIONALS, IT'S LIKE A DREAM
IT'S NOT A DREAM, THE PRELIMINARIES ARE A START
MORE AND MORE SCHOOLS WILL BE COMING IN SUMMER

I MUST HAVE THE TEAM SHOW UP IN THE INTER HIGH IN THE SECOND YEAR SUMMER
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A DISGRACEFUL MATCH A SECOND TIME
AND HAVE YOU AND TWO OTHER PERSONS SHOW UP IN THE PERSONAL MATCHES OR THE INTERHIGH IN THE THIRD YEAR
THAT IS MY CURRENT GOAL
ME!?
YOU'LL BE THIRD YEAR BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
IF IT'S US, SURELY WE CAN DO IT?
...YES

THE TWO OF US WILL GO TO THE INTERHIGH! ...RIGHT?
REALLY?
THAT'S NOT TRUE
I'M THE ONLY ONE BEING SERIOUS HERE...
THAT WAS A WEAK REPLY
REALLY!
DON'T YELL INTO MY EAR!

TRANSFER!?
武 道
YES
I'LL BE MOVING TO KYUSHU IN SPRING DUE TO MY FATHER'S WORK...
WAS IT SUDDEN?
NO, IT WAS DECIDED AT THE END OF SUMMER BREAK
I WAS CHOSEN FOR THE NEWCOMER MATCHES, SO I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
I'm sorry
WHAT ABOUT THE PREFECTURE PRELIMS?
OF COURSE I'M GOING, I WANT TO GO!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO FOR THE NATIONALS AT THE END OF MARCH...
JUST THAT... IN THE EVENT WE WIN...
ガラ...
ISOYAMA...

DID SHE HEAR!?
NISHIOGI...
EH?
IT'S SNOWING

IT'S JUST STARTED TO SNOW
I'M GOING TO LEAVE EARLY, SO YOU OUGHT TO HURRY TOO
GOT IT, I'LL BE DONE SOON

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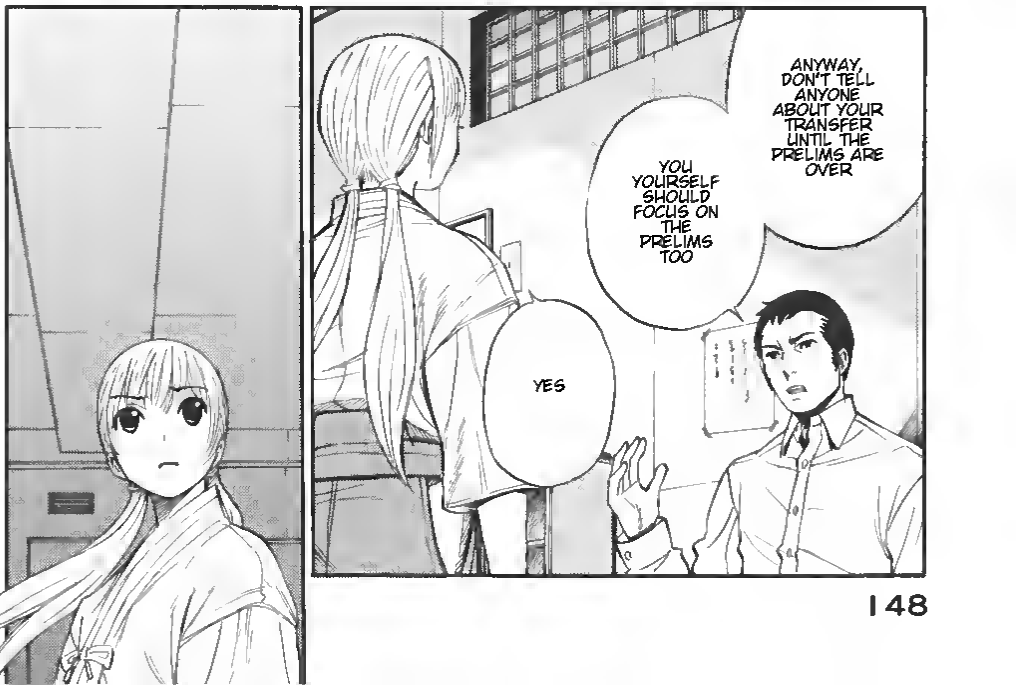
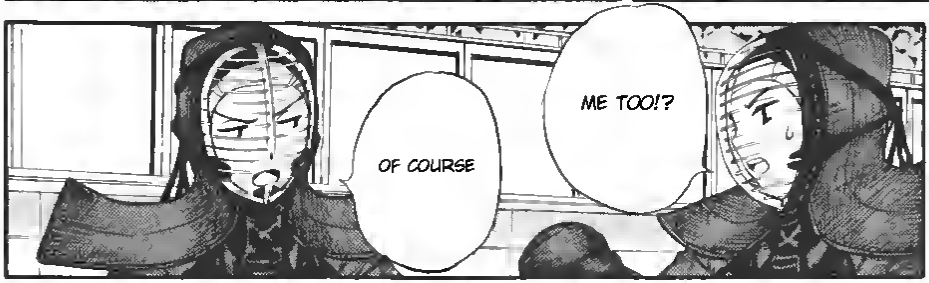

ANYWAY, DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOUR TRANSFER UNTIL THE PRELIMS ARE OVER
YOU YOURSELF SHOULD FOCUS ON THE PRELIMS TOO
YES

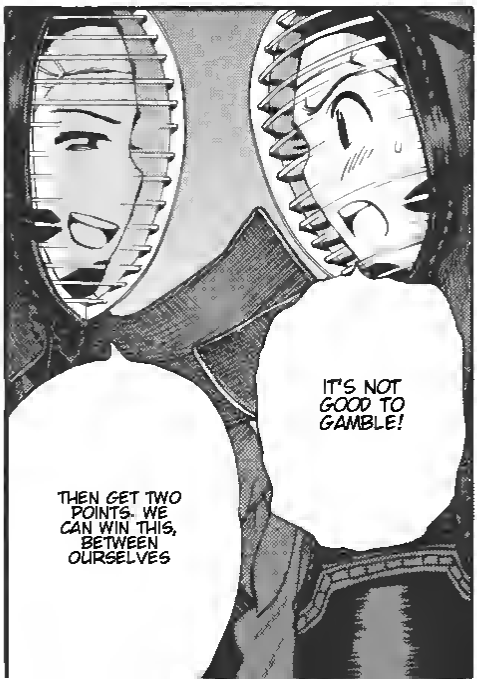
MEN STRIKE!
IT FEELS LIKE ISOYAMA-SAN HAS MORE FIGHTING SPIRIT THAN SHE DID BEFORE
PERHAPS IT'S REVENGE FOR THE INTER HIGH?
ALRIGHT!

NO...
ISOYAMA-SAN
MUST HAVE...
久野
磯山
東松学園
パシッ
ピシッ

EH?
WIN EVERY MATCH WITH TWO POINTS TODAY

NICE, ISOYAMA-SAN


OF COURSE
ME TOO!?


THEN GET TWO POINTS. WE CAN WIN THIS, BETWEEN OURSELVES
IT'S NOT GOOD TO GAMBLE!

WAIT- WHAT!
IF YOU GET ONLY ONE POINT I'M GOING TO FINE YOU

WINNING ALL THE MATCHES WITH TWO POINTS...
GEEZ... ISOYAMA-SAN REALLY ISN'T HERSELF TODAY
SHE'S THOUGHT TOO MUCH AND LOST IT
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
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ドクン
ドクン
SORRY, NISHIOGI, I TRIED MY BEST TO FURTHER THE GAP
DON'T WORRY, LEAVE IT TO ME
EH?
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BEGIN!
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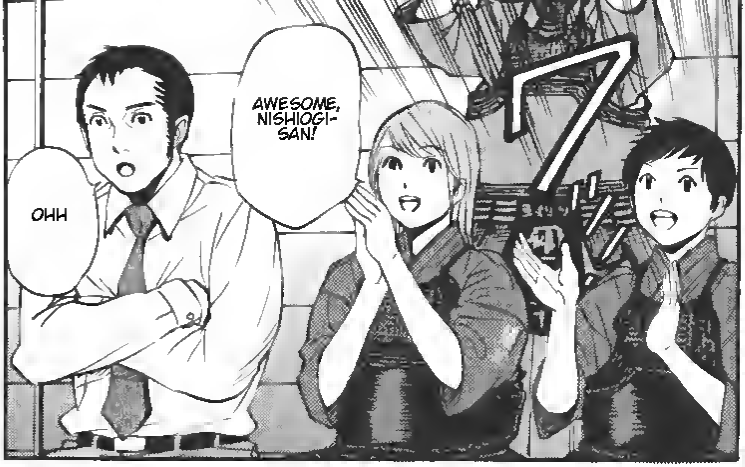
西荻



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最終話

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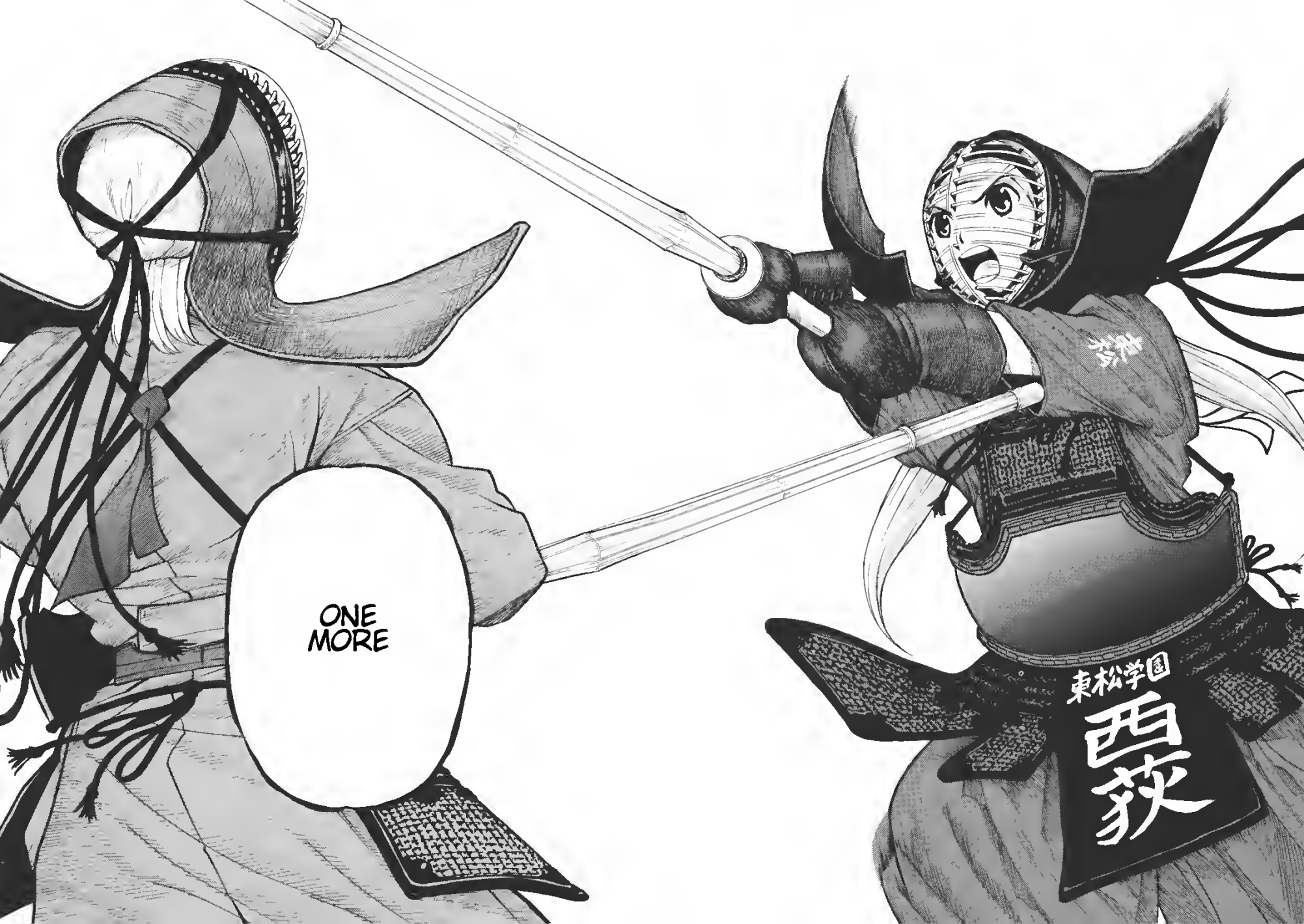
SAYONARA ISN'T A FAREWELL

SECOND ROUND!
ONE MORE!
ISN'T NISHIOGI BEING TOO HASTY?
COMPARED TO HER USUAL KENDO
...

!!
THEY RECOVERED ONE POINT, IT'S EVEN NOW...
ISOYAMA'S GOT US TWO POINTS
IT'D BE GOOD IF SHE JUST DEFENDED UNTIL THE TIME RUNS OUT...
NOT YET
IF I RUN OUT OF SPIRIT NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PASS IT TO THE NEXT PERSON

BEGIN!
NOT YET!!
NOT YET!!

西荻
UNTIL THE END
UNTIL-
GO, NISHIOGI!!


ONE MORE
東松学園
西荻

カミカゼ
SMILE A LITTLE SINCE YOU'VE WON, SENSEI
NO, THIS IS FINE
THEN LET'S HAVE A SHOT WITH ALL THE PARENTS IINSIDE
MAKE A SECOND LINE...

OLD MAN...

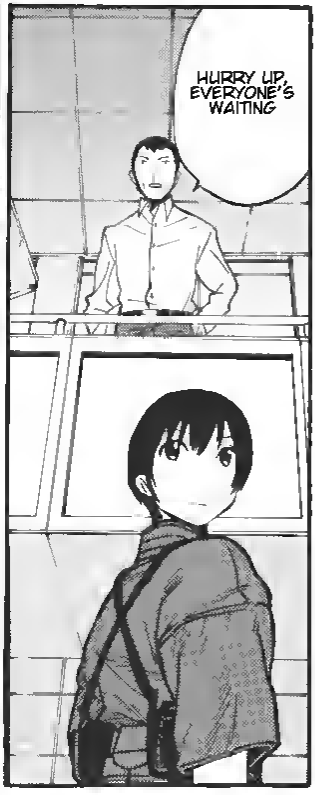
IS THAT ALL?

THAT WAS A GOOD MATCH

...YES

IT'S PLENTY ENOUGH

ISOYAMA-SAN, THE CENTER
グイッ


HURRY UP, EVERYONE'S WAITING

東松学園
カミヤ!!

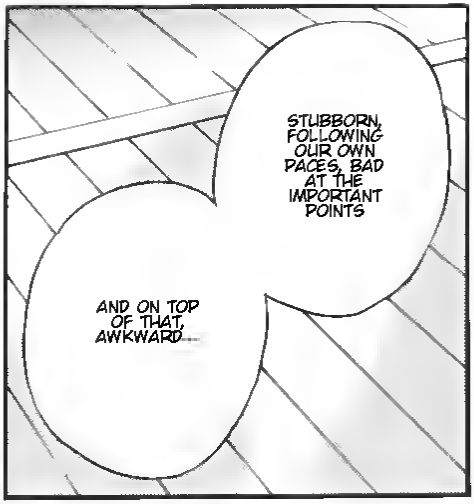
NO, TODAY WAS A FLUKE
BOTH ISOYAMA AND NISHIOGI ARE IN GOOD CONDITION FOR THE MARCH NATIONALS
NO, NOTHING, WE WON, DIDN'T WE
MY, DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
You're grinning

YOU COULD DO IT, COULDN'T YOU
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
BECAUSE I HEARD YOU SHOUT "GO!"
THE TWO OF YOU PLAYED A GREAT ROLE, I'D LIKE A PHOTO OF BOTH OF YOU
YES
THEN CAN YOU STAND OVER THERE?
...
NO, I-
PLEASE!

I WANT TO TALK TO ISOYAMA-SAN
WAS IT FUN PRACTISING KENDO TOGETHER?
EH?
SAY, NISHIOGI
IT WASN'T FUN FOR ME
EVEN THOUGH I CAME TO TOUSHOU WITH THE INTENTION OF CRUSHING IT EVENTUALLY
BUT YOUR KENDO WAS DIFFERENT FROM MINE IN TOO MANY WAYS

BUT YOU AND I WERE THE SAME
東松学園
東松学園

THAT'S TRUE, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT


STUBBORN, FOLLOWING OUR OWN PACES, BAD AT THE IMPORTANT POINTS
AND ON TOP OF THAT, AWKWARD...

ISOYAMA-SAN...
THAT'S WHY... EVEN IF WE SEPARATE, WE'LL DEFINITELY MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY
ALRIGHT, I'M GOING TO TAKE IT, SMILE
CAN YOU STAND CLOSER TO EACH OTHER?
YES
DEFINITELY... AGAIN

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OI SANAE, WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT!?
STOP FIDDLING WITH YOUR PHONE AND HELP US
NO WELL, TODAY'S THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
I'VE SOMEONE AT THE SCENE REPORTING THE RESULTS TO ME
THE NEXT MATCH WILL DECIDE WHETHER TOUSHOU WILL ENTER THE FINALS, THERE'S NOT A LOT BEING TYPED...

SERIOUSLY, IN THE END YOU'RE ALL ABOUT KENDO
ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE WHEN YOU GO TO KYUSHU?
HM... I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT THAT
WA-
DON'T PUT YOUR SMELLY GEAR THERE!
SEMI
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SEMI FINALS STARTED
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TOUSHOU LOST!!!
IT'S HERE!
TOP 4 AT NATIONALS A PITY... TO THINK YOU USED TO BE IN SUCH A GREAT CLUB
AHH SEEMS LIKE IT WAS NO GOOD
WE WERE STOPPED AT TOP FOUR... PITY
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TOUSHOU LOST!!!
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BUT THE TOUSHOU SENDAIS ARE REALLY STRONG
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THEY ATTACK EVERYWHERE FIERCELY, MEN OR DOU
AND IT'LL BECOME EVEN BETTER
YES
THAT'S RIGHT
WE'VE ALREADY SORTED OUR ROOMS, LET US HANDLE THIS PLACE!
IF YOU DON'T HURRY THE MOVERS'LL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
LEND ME A HAND HERE
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TILL THE LAST MINUTE, HAVEN'T YOU MOTHER

APRIL
武道場
AND THE LAST PERSON IS
TAHARA...
YES! I'M TAHARA MIO FROM CLASS 1-D
I CAME FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH SECTION, I HAVE NO RESULTS UNDER MY BELT

BUT I WAS DRILLED HARD BY SANAE-SENPAI AND KAORI-SENPAI DURING JUNIOR HIGH, SO I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT
I'M THEIR NUMBER ONE DISCIPLE AFTER ALL!
DISCIPLE?
MY, YOU'RE RELIABLE
WE'VE GOT INTERESTING ONES THIS YEAR AGAIN
INTER-ESTING?
WITH THE RESULTS I'LL GATHER THIS SPRING
I INTEND TO FORM A NEW TEAM IN SUMMER
SECOND AND THIRD YEARS, AND OF COURSE THE NEWCOMERS, STAY FOCUSED
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OI FIRST YEARS!
DON'T STICK YOUR REAR OUT, PUT YOUR STOMACH FORWARD!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE CONSTANTLY ALERT, YOU'RE STILL THRUSTING BACK A LITTLE!
THAT GOES FOR YOU TAHARA!
キエエエ!
ドウ!!

SEEING SUCH A CUTE GIRL WOULD SURELY MAKE NISHIOGI HAPPY
YES!
HAS SHE MADE ANY CONTACT?
NOPE
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED HER CELLPHONE
SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES OR WHICH SCHOOL SHE ATTENDS
WHAT ABOUT MAIL?
NOT EVEN ONE

WELL, SINCE SHE'S NISHIOGI, SHE'LL BE FINE
SHE BABBLED SOMETHING ABOUT STARTING JAPANESE DANCE AGAIN
MY
I'M WORRIED I WONDER IF SHE'S PRACTISING KENDO PROPERLY
I'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW BECOMING ALONE HAD AFFECTED YOU BUT SURPRISINGLY YOU APPEAR TO BE FINE
ARE YOU MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING KAWAI-SAN
...EVEN NOW, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO SOCIALISE WITH OTHERS
OR HOW TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM THEM

SHOULD I BE RESPECTFUL OR SHOULD I BE SCORNFUL
SHOULD I FIGHT, OR IS THERE MERIT IN IT
OR EVEN BEFORE THAT, IS THAT PERSON STRONGER OR WEAKER THAN ME...

I WONDER JUST WHAT IS THAT

I WORRY ABOUT HER, BUT I TRUST HER, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE APART, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE TOGETHER
BUT NISHIOGI IS DIFFERENT

CHILDISH, ISN'T IT?

WHAT A FRIEND IS
ISOYAMA-SAN, THAT'S
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
OI OI, I SAID YOUR STOMACH, NOT YOUR BUTT!
ANYONE WHO'S NOT UPRIGHT WILL BE MY OPPONENT!
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AUGUST
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58TH NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL KENDO TOURNAMENT
YES, AT FIRST SHE DID SAY THAT SHE WAS LIVING AT HER GRANDMOTHER'S
BUT NO ONE KNEW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT...
I KNOW THAT, BUT
EHH
IT'S NOT "NISHIOGI", BUT "KOUMOTO"
SHE'S NOT IN FUKUOKA, OR ANY OF THE OTHER PREFECTURES

WELL THEN, I'LL INVESTIGATE THE INDIVIDUALS AND YOU'LL INVESTIGATE THE TEAMS
WE'LL COVER ALL OF KYUSHU!
UNDER-STOOD!
YO
MM
THE PROGRAM DIDN'T HAVE YOUR NAME
THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN SEARCHING TO DEATH FOR IT
YES...
LOOK HERE
IT MISPRINTED "KAWAMOTO" INSTEAD OF "KOUMOTO"

BUT YOU'RE IN FUKUOKA SOUTH, AND AS THE SECOND FIGHTER?
I PUT IN A LITTLE EFFORT
IT'S THE NAME AGAIN
THE NAME AGAIN
BECAUSE WE PROMISED, DIDN'T WE?
THAT WE'LL MEET AT THE INTER HIGH
YOUR TEAM ISN'T TOO GOOD
WELL
THERE'RE FOUR TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE AS TOUSHOU
IMPOS-SIBLE
THE INDIVI-DUALS?
BUT I'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE NEXT YEAR, IT'S A PROMISE!

IN EXCHANGE, WE HAVE KAWAI-SAN AND I IN THE INDIVIDUALS
WE COULDN'T FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR MURAHAMA AND NOGIWA, SO IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US
MM
WELL THEN, I'LL GO PREPARE FOR MY MATCH
OK
HEY, DO YOU KNOW?
?

BUT ISN'T SANAE-SENPAI COOL?
FUKUOKA HIGH'S A TOP SCHOOL WHO'S GOTTEN FIRST IN NATIONALS COUNTLESS TIMES
YES
先鋒
松尾
次鋒
甲本
福岡南
(福岡)
中堅
中嶋
次鋒
田中
千葉
AND SUDDENLY SHE'S A REGULAR THERE
RIGHT, KAORI-SENPAI

NO WAY
UFUFU
THEIR MEMBERS ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO HER WEIRD MOVEMENTS
SHE'S JUST STRONG AT IS FOOLING OTHERS

AH
HER MATCH'S STARTED
PHEW...

GO, SANAE!!
HEY, DO YOU KNOW?

WE'RE FRIENDS

ISOYAMA-SAN, I...

KNEW THAT
RIGHT FROM THE
BEGINNING

BEGIN!!

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